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LA CHAÎNE

Announcing EXHIBIT A:
New DIY space in the southwest

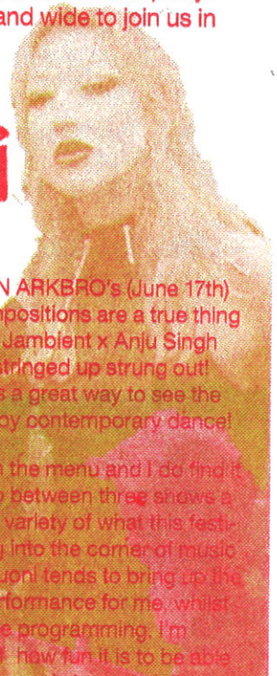
Have you been daydreaming about sweaty show rooms all winter? Perhaps you've been greasing the cogs on your bike and yearning for the hot wind to hit your face while you cycle down the canal?

Montreal seasons act like 3 stages of a cicada-esque gestation period until summer comes and we emerge glistening, wide eyed, and screaming with the excitement of a humid life ahead. IFO has been stirring, scheming, and we're now ready to unveil a new venue for subcultural exploits: **EXHIBIT A**. Located at **4981 Av Dunn** this new venue is right next to the canal bike path and promises to present events that will make you forget how much you hate heading to Saint Henri metro.

EXHIBIT A is not only the IFO HQ—it is a space for the community and will be available for small gigs and art events. The venue space is **ground floor** and **fits about 70** fun-loving attendees at a time. We plan to have an **in house backline** and we are currently sourcing pieces for it. If you have anything to loan, share, or sell us please! Hit us up!

An opening ceremony will be held on **July 11th** with a rooftop BBQ and dance party. We're calling for all punks, rockers, freaks, and friends from far and wide to join us in the first of many debaucherous celebrations.

the PUNK'S guide to SUONI



Suoni Per Il Popolo is right around the corner (June 16th - 28th) and this year's lineup is bursting at the seams with international acts that punks, freaks and lovers of boundary-pushing music, sounds and art should pay attention to. I'm an ex-Suoni-intern-turned-too-many-jobs-to-count and a regular *La Chaîne* reader, so I thought I'd do a rundown of some shows happening that pique my interest and may tempt you as well.

Firstly, let's talk **Trading Places**, a three-way residency between the 'Couv, CDMX and MTL that sends 2-3 artists from each city to the others to play shows and create music together, often improvised. The lineup this year features the fantastic James Goddard (SKIN TONE) who will be playing 8th and 12th Suoni nights, and you can catch metal/grind/noise superstar Anju Singh (AHNA, GRAVE INFESTATION, THE NAUSEA) on four different occasions as well.

OK, kicking off **the fest itself** – the Doctor's b-day bash w/ SLASH NEED and DUREX on June 16th will undoubtedly be worth leaving the park and shaking ass for. IFO joins the Suoni presenter list on the 19th with Richmond, VA's CICADA, THE NOT (last chance EVER), UZU, MUSCLE MEMORY and VVF (Vancouver's Very Finest) LEMURIAN TIME WARRIORS ...head meets ass hard-styling. If that's not your speed, SECONDSIGHT is slowing it down across the street with a hypnotizing set at the ambient show. OR, maybe you want to go to the kiki ball at Sala. For Old Heads and Nerd Young Heads, THE EX is coming on the 24th and playing with KY BAND – I suspect this will have similar energy to the ZOUNDS show, but hopefully with better sound...

BILL ORCUTT (of HARRY PUSSY or MR. MECHANICAL JOEY – personal faves) and WENDY EISENBERG are playing together on the 25th with DRAINOLITH... Guitar (and then some) music for freaks. For my former theatre kids – the Stay Alivers' Birthday Party on the same night will be lively and full of laughs and treats for the eyes – created by the infamous, sexy and awesome Alexis O'Hara and featuring none other than my favourite Sandy Bridges (and former microsoap co-star Jacqueline Van De Geer). It is not to be missed! Lastly but certainly not leastly, Ye Olde BASTARD IDOL, BELLY HATCHER & CULVERT CORPSE are playing the iWant2BeOnTV theatrical freak spectacle of season: The Spelling Bee of The Century on June 26th – not just a concert but an extravagant examination of power, consequence, performance and limit (quelque parts en français aussi pour mes languagophiles <3)

Afterthought: *Is egg punk dead?* PRESSURE PIN and Hot New Synth Freak Wave group HARMONY SYNDROME (if ARIEL PINK had thoughts and was good) on the 27th

Picks from James Goddard : MASAHIRO TAKAHASHI (playing June 27th) has been steadily releasing banger after banger of melodic electronic ambience through Telephone Explosion. DEATH KNEEL (June 25th) has been bringing the noise in increasingly interesting ways. Paired with LUCAS ABELA and ALEIDA/ALEX MOTTA, it's gonna be a heavy, dark and dissonant gig (which Fionn is putting on and is excited to see how people react to LUCAS "GRANPA" ABELA – suggestion to check out his pinball machine piece on dualplover.com) ELLEN ARKBRO's (June 17th) patient minimalist compositions are a true thing of beauty & slowness. Jambient x Anju Singh (18th) is sure to be all stringed up strung out! Also LOL (June 20th) is a great way to see the neighborhood and enjoy contemporary dance!

There's totally more on the menu and I do find it such a pleasure to hop between three shows a night checking out the variety of what this festival has to offer, leaning into the corner of music that tickles me pink. Suoni tends to bring up the limits of sound and performance for me, whilst having really accessible programming. I'm constantly reminded of how fun it is to be able to make and experience and share and discuss music in all its capacities.

Final Note: if a show is out of reach and you have time, consider volunteering at a show to get into another one (kind of a twofer) OR email for a reduced rate - most shows are NOTAFLOF but the fest is really expensive to put on/does NOT make a lot of money - imo worth supporting if you have the means.

DJ TIME: FREE DJ sets @ Casa that punks may enjoy...
Alex – June 17th
James Goddard – June 18th
THE EX – June 23rd
Katia & Gus –June 26th

–Alex "Arthur Itis" Apostolidis

MORE SHOWS + MORE INFO ON MONTREAL.ASKAPUNK.NET

MAI / MAY

Vendredi 29 mai – Friday May 29
HABAK (Tijuana, MX), JETSAM, ENDFORM
@ Turbo Haus - 19h30 - $27.38

Samedi 30 mai – Saturday May 30
SIYAHKAL (Toronto), GROTTO (Toronto), FERTILIZER (Toronto), PSYCHIC ARMOUR
@ Piranha Bar - 19h30 - $20

CHAINED TO THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN (W. Mass), PRIMAL HORDE, LOBOTOMITE
@ NDG Legion - 19h - $20 AA

JUIN / JUNE

Lundi 1 juin – Monday June 1
NAPALM DEATH (UK), PRIMITIVE MAN (Denver), WIEGEDOOD (Belgium), PORTAL TOMB
@ Théâtre Fairmount - 18h - $46.14

Mardi 2 juin – Tuesday June 2
SPIRITUAL LAW (Austria), MULCH, PUBLIC RELATIONS @ Lopez - 19h - $15

JACOB AUDREY TAVES (AB), REACHING NEEDLES (ON), PAXILLUS SUCCUBUS, MALPERTIUS, AK
@ P'tit Ours - 19h - $15 PWYC

Jeudi 4 juin – Thursday June 2
ANSWERING MACHINES (Chicago), P.NOID (Chicago), THE EXTERMINATORS, VITAMIN PINK
@ Kawalees - 20h - $15

Samedi 6 juin – Saturday June 6
DEADSKY (Pittsburgh), EULOGY, TRAUMATIC STATE
@ Brasserie des Patriotes - 14h - $15

START TODAY (LA), SOLD SHORT (ON), WORLD CHAMPION, CRIMINAL MIND (Regina)
@ Newspeak - 16h - $20 PWYC AA

THE FLEX (UK), STIGMATISM (NYC/MTL), DEADBOLT, WILL TO SPEAK, IRON CRUSADERS
@ La Sala Rossa - 18h30 - $30

Vendredi 12 juin – Friday June 12
Carnival Anarchiste ft. HOCHELAGA HOTSHOTS, EULOGY, ARMISTIX, HAKAPIK, GOWDIE, HOBO DEATHCULT @ Terrain Vague - workshops 13h, bands 15h, DJs late - food, circus, zines, bike jousting - FREE

Samedi 13 juin – Saturday June 13
Carnival Anarchiste ft. TENAZ, FEARTILIZER, PIED DE BICHE, UNCLE OLD THYME, BOSKO BAKER, ASTER PONCEAU @ Terrain Vague - workshops 13h, bands 15h, DJs late - food, circus, zines, bike jousting - FREE

Lundi 15 juin – Monday June 15
L.M.I. (Pennsylvania), UNSUCKED, MERCURE
@ l'Hémisphère Gauche - 19h - $15

Vendredi 19 juin – Friday June 19
CICADA (Richmond), LEMURIAN TIME WARRIORS (Vancouver), UZU, THE NOT (last show), MUSCLE MEMORY @ La Sotterenea - 21h - $15

Samedi 20 juin – Saturday June 20
HARD CHARGER (Fredericton), SALEM TRIALS (Ottawa), TRAUMATIC STATE, MEMORY OF ABIGAIL (Ottawa), OUTLIER @ Tapage/B7 - 20h - PWYC AA

Jeudi 25 juin – Thursday June 25
LUCAS ABELA (Australia), DEATH KNEEL (TO), ALEX MOTTA, ALEIDA PEREZ @ La Sotterenea - 17h - $20

Vendredi 26 juin – Friday June 26
iW2BOTV "The Spelling Bee of the Century" ft. BASTARD IDOL (TO/MTL), BELLY HATCHER, CULVERT CORPSE @ La Sala Rossa - 19h - $27

Samedi 27 juin – Saturday June 27
Fundraiser show for "Exhibit A" (new IFO venue)
@ Lopez, more info TBA

JUILLET / JULY

Vendredi 3 juillet – Friday July 3
DULF benefit gig + BBQ + Raffle ft HRT, PSYCHIC ARMOUR, GLASS DOLLS + TBA @ La Sala Rossa

Initial Shock: KAZUMOTO ENDO (Japan), PHOLDE, KNIFEDOUTOFEXISTENCE (UK), HIGH GROVE, MURMUR (ON) & JAZZHAND (Finland), D.F.H. (AB)
@ Casa - 19h - $25

Samedi 4 juillet – Saturday July 4
KILLER BUG (Japan), VIOLENT SHOGUN (France), A FAIL ASSOCIATION (US), BLACK COROLLA (US), NIMMIE AMEE (ON), MIOX @ Casa – 7pm - $25

WARKRUSHER, EULOGY, JAHANNAM, WILLFUL NEGLECT, TRAUMATIC STATE, BOWLER (Varning benefit) @ Foufs - 19h - $20

Dimanche 5 juillet – Sunday July 5
MOSS HARVEST (NS), HYPERTROPHY (US), XODKAAR (ON), CRUCIFIEDWHITESAVIOUR (ON), DANG. (NS), RHODA (NS), CATHOLIC STARE (MB)
@ P'tit Ours - 15h - $15

Samedi 11 juillet – Saturday July 11
Exhibit A opening BBQ + Party - details TBA

QU'EST-CE QUE C'EST?
La Chaîne est une infolettre mensuelle et un calendrier de shows de la scène punk DIY Montréalaise. Envoyez-nous vos contributions en français et/ou en anglais: les annonces de spectacles punk/hardcore, les photos, l'art punk, les critiques et les petits annonces. (Soumettre un article n'est pas une garantie de la publication.)

WHAT IS THIS?
La Chaîne is a monthly newsletter and show calendar from the Montreal DIY punk scene. We are always looking for submissions in french and/or english: punk/hardcore show announcements, live photos, punk artwork, reviews and classified ads. (Submission does not guarantee publication.)

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